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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of:
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Appln. No.: New U.S. Patent Application
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For: METHOD FOR SORTING A GROUP OF OBJECTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fees and initial examination of the application,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4 and 5 without prejudice or disclaimer:

Please add New Claims 6 and 7

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6. A sorting device for sorting objects in accordance with the method as
claimed in claim 1, the sorting device being part of a conveying device, in particular a
suspension conveying device, in which conveyed goods carriers are moved and guided
on guide elements, in particular guide rails, along relevant conveying paths, as transport
means for the objects, the sorting device comprising the following features:

a first conveying path section to be used as a first destination storage area (ZS1)
and a second conveying path section to be used as a second destination storage area